

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 19-30, as follows:

In certain [[field]] fields of application, subject to operational constraints, the bandwidth used may be reduced and the ATM network arteries have a low bit rate, for example 2 Mbit/s, as compared with the usual bit rates which are in the range of 50, 155 or 622 Mbits/s. Furthermore, considering the requirements of connectivity between remote regions and a metropolitan area call for low-bit-rate links, for example 64 kbytes/s, especially by satellite[[. Voice]], voice transmission still takes up a major proportion of the transmission in these networks, and it has been necessary to use [[of]] voice encoding techniques that are more economical in terms of bandwidth than the civilian PCM (pulse code modulation) technique according to the [G.711] recommendation working at 64 [[Kbytes/s]] kbytes/s, as is the case for example with the 16 bytes/s Delta encoding system.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 9-12, as follows:

(2d) inserting the CPS [[pack]] packet thus formed into an ATM cell, for example from the second byte of the cell payload, the first byte being reserved for a field STF required by the AAL2 field, and the bytes following the CPS packet remaining unused (PAD field or padding bytes).